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SUBJ: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS
GIVING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO MAKING A MULTI-
MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND.
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION COULD BE ABOUT EQUAL TO WHAT
CANADA HAS GRANTED INDIVIDUALLY TO RHODESIA'S
NEIGHBORS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS. ON THAT BASIS,
CONTRIBUTION COULD BE BETWEEN \$50 MILLION AND \$100 MILLION.

2. COMMENT: THROUGH THESE REPORTS AND RECENT STATEMENTS IN
PARLIAMENT BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JAMIESON, GOC HAS
PREPARED WAY FOR WHAT WE EXPECT WILL BE FAVORABLE
CANADIAN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN FUND.
BRITISH HAVE INFORMED US THEY EXPECT PRELIMINARY RESPONSE
WILL BE MADE NEXT WEEK WHEN SHENSTONE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, MEETS WITH UK OFFICIALS IN LONDON.
ENDERS

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